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**RESPONSE**

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Sir:

Applicant submits the following remarks to the non-final Office Action mailed from the United States Patent and Trademark Office on January 24, 2008.

**AUTHORIZATION TO DEBIT ACCOUNT**

It is not believed that additional fees are required, beyond those which may otherwise be provided for in the documents accompanying this paper. However, in the event that additional fees are necessary to allow consideration of this paper, such extensions are hereby petitioned under 37 C.F.R. §1.136(a), and any fees required (including fees for net additions of claims) are hereby authorized to be charged to 20-0078.